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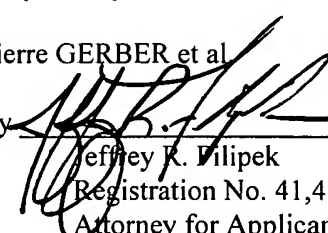
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In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated March 22, 2005, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

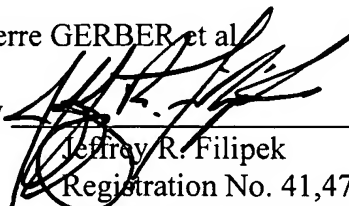
Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

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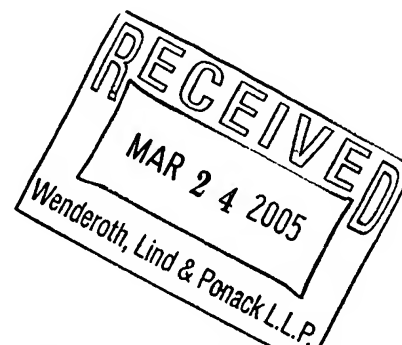
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/24/2004
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/24/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/24/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/24/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/24/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 09/24/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/24/2004



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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